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1. QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM AND CURRENT OPEC

PRESIDENT, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, DEPARTED DOHA MORNING OF JAN 22 FOR LIBYA AND ALGERIA TO CONTINUE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG OPEC COUNTRIES. ABDUL AZIZ VISITED IRAN AND IRAQ JAN 19-20. IN TEHRAN HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE SHAH AND AMUZEGAR, AND IN BAGHDAD MET WITH PRESIDENT BAKR AND SADDAM HUSAYN AS WELL AS OIL MINISTER KARIM, AFTER ALGIERS AND TRIPOLI,

SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE ARE REPORTEDLY ON HIS ITINERARY. QUERIED WHETHER ABDUL AZIZ'S TRAVELS WOULD TAKE HIM TO CARACAS AND/OR QUITO, HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW AT THIS TIME.

- 2. IN STATEMENTS TO PRESS ALONG HIS ROUTE, ABDUL AZIZ MAINTAINED LINE THAT HIS TRAVELS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE OPEC SOLIDARITY AND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXPECT THERE TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MINISTERIAL, DECISION ON SUCH MEETING WOULD BE MADE IN LIGHT OF HIS ONGOING CONSULTATIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: SHOULD ABDUL AZIZ VENTURE TO CARACAS AND/OR QUITO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSIDER INVITING HIM TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH ENERGY COORDINATOR SCHLESINGER AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION CONCERNED WITH ENERGY PROBLEMS. PAGANELLI

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